

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 17, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 210, 1/9/2017; HB 218, 1/9/2017; HB 222, 1/9/2017
Executive Action: HB 166, Do Pass As Amended; HB 169, Tabled; HB 179, Tabled

HEARING ON HB 222**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:07 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 222, Revise laws related to insurance and storm damage repairs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:38 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PICA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a05\)](#)

00:13:51 Michael Qualls, self

00:18:03 Michelle Qualls, self

00:21:09 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau

00:27:30 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:07 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

00:36:14 Rep. Curdy

00:36:44 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA

00:39:12 Rep. Curdy

00:39:32 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

00:41:45 Rep. Curdy

00:41:57 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

00:42:13 Chair Noland

00:42:20 Rep. Ricci

00:43:16 Rep. Lenz

00:43:45 Rep. Schreiner

00:44:27 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

00:46:20 Rep. Schreiner

00:47:08 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

00:48:25 Rep. Vinton

00:49:17 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA

00:50:13 Rep. Vinton

00:50:28 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA

00:52:11 Rep. Olsen

00:54:29 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA

00:56:17 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau

00:58:02 Rep. Olsen

00:58:45 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau

01:00:18 Rep. Funk

01:00:42 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau

01:02:01 Chair Noland

01:02:36 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA
01:03:34 Chair Noland
01:04:37 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA
01:06:06 Rep. Trebas joined the meeting.
01:06:51 Chair Noland
01:07:41 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau
01:10:08 Michael Qualls, self
01:14:04 Rep. Olsen
01:16:17 Aimee Grmoljez, PICA
01:18:24 Rep. Vinton
01:18:52 Michael Qualls, self
01:19:53 Rep. Vinton
01:20:15 Rep. Curdy
01:21:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA
01:22:00 Rep. Curdy
01:22:38 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA
01:23: 50 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
01:24:19 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association
01:24:43 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
01:26:13 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau
01:26:32 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
01:27:17 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau
01:27:41 Rep. Olsen
01:28:24 Mike Rice, Mountain West Farm Bureau

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:33 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 210**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:35:46 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 210, Revise liquor laws to clarify distance requirements with respect to schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:05 Paul Cartwright, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:39 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh12a07\)](#)

01:43:32 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

01:45:27 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

01:47:15 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:04 Rep. Olsen
01:49:21 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:05 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:52:56 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 218, Revise timelines for credit reporting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:55:36 Jessie Luther, Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA)
01:58:55 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:10 Rep. Olsen
02:00:44 Jessie Luther, CDIA
02:01:22 Rep. Olsen
02:02:02 Jessie Luther, CDIA
02:02:51 Rep. Trebas
02:03:21 Jessie Luther, CDIA
02:04:04 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:04:29 Chair Noland
02:04:49 Rep. Hamlett
02:05:42 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:19 Rep. Hamlett

02:07:33 Recessed
02:40:55 Reconvened with Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169

02:41:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 169 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:42:13 Rep. Funk
02:42:54 Rep. Curdy
02:43:17 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
02:45:06 Chair Noland
02:46:36 Rep. Curtis

02:46:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:48:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 169 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 15-4 by voice vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179

02:49:38 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 179 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:49:48 Rep. Olsen

02:50:12 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.

02:52:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:53:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 179 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 166

02:54:32 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 166 DO PASS**.

02:54:50 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 166 BE AMENDED**.
[**EXHIBIT\(buh12a08\)**](#)

Discussion:

02:55:55 Rep. Pierson

02:56:00 Rep. Curtis

02:56:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:56:52 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 166 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:57:02 Rep. Pierson

02:57:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:58:21

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh12aad.pdf](#))